

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 7, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph.

The main axis spindle MS is supported on the center line of the column stand GC, which is shaped like a rectangular frame, and rotatably driven by a Z axis rotating mechanism  $\text{DZ}$  DC, provided near the bottom end of the main axis spindle MS in the column stand GC.

A rise-and-fall mechanism comprising a Z-axis carrying mechanism EZ is connected to the bottom of the Z axis rotating mechanism  $\text{DZ}$  DC in the central line of rotation of the Z axis, so as to lie along a single axis. The Z-axis carrying mechanism EZ uses the column stand GC as a table and moves the body for supporting the object to be measured, which is comprised of four parts (the Z axis rotating mechanism  $\text{DZ}$  DC, the main axis spindle MS, the object to be measured W, and the tip support TS), upwards and downwards.